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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

IN RE:

Paula Neglio
16 Cottage Street
East Norwalk, CT 06855

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges dated December 6, 1983 and December 7, 1983.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on January 5, 1984. The matter was subsequently re-scheduled to February 23, 1984 at the State Armory, Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Each member of the Board of Examiners for Nursing involved in this decision attests that he/she has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record.

FACT

1. Paula Neglio, respondent, was at all pertinent times licensed to practice nursing as a practical nurse in Connecticut, with registration number E-15156.

2. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-182(c), the respondent was provided a full opportunity prior to the institution of agency action to show compliance with all the terms for the retention of her license.

3. The respondent: a) During January and February of 1982, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich Connecticut, made numerous errors in documenting the administration of the controlled substances Valium, Dalmane, and Demerol; b) On or about January 31, 1982, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich, Connecticut, diverted to her own use 5 mg. of the controlled substance Valium; c) On or about February 19, 1982, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich, Connecticut, diverted to her own use 15 mg. of the controlled substance Dalmane; d) On or about February 24 and March 2, 1982, while working as a licensed practical nurse at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich, Connecticut, diverted for her own use an undetermined quantity of the controlled substance Demerol; e) On or about February 27,

1982, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich, Connecticut, diverted to her own use an undetermined quantity of the controlled substance Valium.

4. The activities referenced in paragraph three (3) were discovered by Drug Control Agent Sandra C. Schweitzer and Senior Drug Control Agent Lionel Roberge during an investigation conducted during March, 1982.

DISCUSSION

5. The First Count alleges that the respondent violated §20-99(b) by making numerous errors in documenting the administration of the controlled substances Valium, Dalmane, and Demerol while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, Greenwich, Connecticut.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated §20-99(b) as specified in the First Count.

6. The Second Count alleges that the respondent violated §20-99(b) by diverting to her own use 5 mg. of the controlled substance Valium, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated §20-99(b) as specified in the Second Count.

7. The Third Count alleges that the respondent violated provisions of §20-99(b) by diverting to her own use 15 mg. of the controlled substance Dalmane, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated §20-99(b) as specified in the Third Count.

8. Counts Four and Six allege that the respondent violated provisions of §20-99(b) by diverting to her own use an undetermined quantity of the controlled substance Demerol, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated §20-99(b) as specified in the Fourth and Sixth Counts.

9. The Fifth Count alleges that the respondent violated provisions of §20-99(b) by diverting to her own use an undetermined quantity of the controlled substance Valium, while employed at Putnam Weaver Nursing Home.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated §20-99(b) as specified in the Fifth Count.

ORDER

10. It is the unanimous decision of the Board of Examiners for Nursing that:

- a. The license of the respondent be suspended for a minimum effective period of three (3) years, determined as follows:

As to Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six, suspension for a period of six (6) months for each Count.

Suspensions are to run consecutively for a total effective suspension of three (3) years.

The suspension period shall commence upon receipt of this decision by the respondent.

- b. At the end of the three (3) year suspension specified in (a) the respondent may apply for reinstatement after submitting documentation from a licensed therapist that she is totally drug free (including methadone). The documentation shall include laboratory evaluation of her drug free status.

11. The respondent, Paula Neglio, is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing at 150 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 upon receipt of this document.

12. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of its decision that the registration license of Paula Neglio be suspended in accordance herewith.

Dated at *Hartford*, Connecticut, this *9th* day of *August*, 1984

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By: *Bette Jane M. Murphy RN*
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Chairman